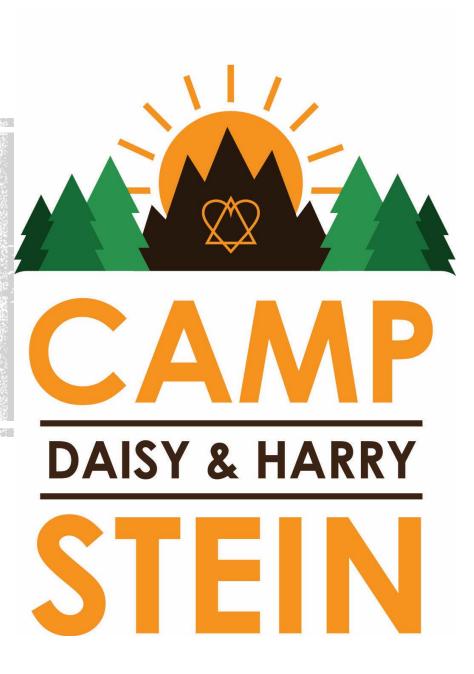
# CAMP STEIN

Be a part of something BIGGER



One of the great things about Camp Stein is the that the best moments can happen anywhere and at anytime. However, we all know that Saturday is everyone's favorite day at camp (including mine!). Our campers have optional breakfast in the morning while their counselors sleep in! The campers are met in the dining room by all of our senior staff and we play board games, eat donuts and cereal, and listen to music. Our Shabbat morning service is lively with singing and always ends with a puppet show about the weekly Torah portion. On Saturday afternoons we have special elective activities called shabbatigah. This is our counselors' time to be creative and our campers' time to explore new things. This past summer our offerings ranged from "art of chess and silence", "cloud watching and meditation", ""BYOB (book!) to the Ramada", as well as sports activities and open swim. We also have Sundaes on Saturdays for our mid-afternoon snack and cookout for dinner! It really is the best day of the week.

Throughout the week, the magic continues, and we know that these special moments can be different for everyone. For some they happen on the sports field, and for some at *omanut* (art). Some people have their moments during *teva* (nature) as they hike through the amazing Tonto National Forest. For some, these moments happen during quieter times in their *tzrifim* (cabins) or just sitting at the picnic tables as the sun sets. We gather together in the pines every summer for precisely these moments.

While we might not always know when these moments of connection and joy will occur, we do know that the people and the place make them possible. And that is why we do what we do: to give staff and our campers the chance to have moments that will fill their hearts and souls. Moments that they will be able to return to in their minds eye again and again, even when their lives carry them far from us.

It is an honor and privilege to be engaged in that work, and I thank everyone who gives of their time, their passion, and their resources to help us create a camp of joyful memories.

L'Shalom

Dr. Z

# MESSAGE FROM LEAH ZIGMOND DIRECTOR, CAMP STEIN

#### Our Mission:

To create sacred communities of living Judaism that endow children, youth, and adults with a positive Jewish identity, personal growth and self-esteem, and life-long friendships and role models









### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS: FOCUS ON NATURE

One of the most valuable aspects of spending time at camp is the time spent out of doors. Those moments in nature when campers are able to connect with the world around them offer a sense of wonder that is not easy to come by during their day-to-day lives outside of camp.



### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS: STAYING ACTIVE

At camp, kids stay active almost all day long. From climbing to swimming to basketball to soccer with gaga, horseback riding, tennis, and everything else in between our campers are on the move! This is a welcome break from the normally sedentary lifestyle of so many kids throughout the school year, and just one more thing that makes camp special.









#### PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS: THE ARTS

The arts are so vital to our campers' growth. We offer opportunities for our campers to experiment with dance, ceramics, plastic arts, culinary arts, and music so that they can explore their artistic natures in a safe and welcoming environment.









### SUMMER 2019 CAMP BY THE NUMBERS

Staff	aff Staff Members		24 International Staff		5 Countries represented		100% Conversion rate of last year's Ozrim to this year's staff		
Campers	rs 1055 Camper Weeks		137 First-time Campers		381 Unique Campers		92 CBI Campers	<b>57</b> Bonim Campers	
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Off Camp Experien	ces	24,864 hours in Isra	41 15	olunteering at cott Communi Center		327 Canoes paddled		635 Nights slept u the stars	nder



Although we spend most of our time focusing on the summer experience, we also prioritize our relationships with community partners and synagogues year-round. This past year, Camp Ledership had the chance to celebrate special Camp Stein Shabbatot at a number of congregations including: Congregation Beth Israel, Temple Chai, Temple Kol Ami, Temple Emanuel of Tempe, Temple Sinai in Las Vegas, Kehilat Lev Shalom in Flagstaff, and Temple Brith Shalom in Prescott.

Camp Stein also has been a proud community partner and host to Camp Swift Foundation who sends over 300 underprivileged children to overnight camp free of charge. In addition we partner with PJ Library offering a Community Family Camp to introduce families to the amazing experience of Jewish overnight camp.

We are thankful for the support of the Jewish Community Foundation who provides assistance to our campers through their community overnight scholarship program provided by their endowment funds and the Grossman Teen Israel Experience Scholarship Fund who supports our Big Trip Israel campers.

We look forward to expanding this type of community engagement and partnership in the coming years.

### MORE THAN A SUMMER CAMP

#### Thank you to our Community Partners:

Temple Chai Temple Kol Ami Temple Solel

Temple Emanuel of Tempe

The Jewish Federation of Phoenix

The Bureau of Jewish Education

PJ Library and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation

The Valley of the Sun Jewish Community Center

The Swift Youth Foundation

ASU W. P. Carey School of Business

Barret Honors College at ASU

**Recovery Empowerment Network** 

The Phoenix Youth Symphony

And many more!



When I was at camp in the late 70's and early 80's, I spent time either being a camper or focused on the camper experience. Whether it was art projects, haggigas, canoeing, or overnights the focus was on ensuring everyone had a wonderful time at camp. And at the pinecone ceremony on the last night – both staff and campers talked about what they learned at Camp, the friends they made and what they were taking home with them.

As the Camp Chair, I am starting to ask the questions about purpose and future as a camp.

What more can we do with the transformative effect our Jewish overnight camp has on our campers, staff and families? What is our role in developing new generations of Jewish leaders? What do we need to do strengthen Camp Stein's capacity to serve more campers across our community.

While we may not yet have compete answers to these questions, what is clear is that only with your help can we really create a camp that combines truly great camping experience with a commitment to addressing these issues and ideas.

Whether you are an alum, current or former parent or grandparent, or someone who simply believes in the dynamic and transformative Jewish experience that is Camp Stein, now is an exciting time to get involved. The wonderful moments that together we will create this summer and beyond for our campers will be a numerous as the stars in the sky. And the opportunity that we all have now, to build on what we have been given, fill me so much excitement.

Thank you for your continued partnership as we work together to create a bright and amazing future for Camp Stein.

Laura Drachler

## MESSAGE FROM LAURA DRACHLER CAMP COMMITTEE CHAIR &

ALUMNA

There is something about a place with history, about walls that contain a shared and fluid memory which transcends moments and moves through generations.





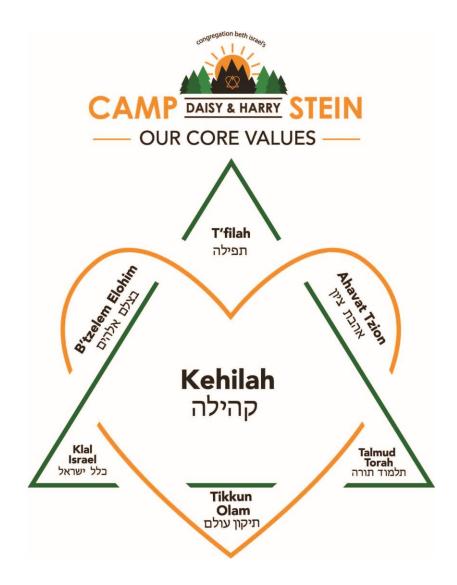
#### **OUR ALUMNI**

Our Alumni Association brings together alumni of all ages to reunite as friends, to reminisce about the old days, and to strengthen alumni bonds with Camp Daisy and Harry Stein.

Throughout the year, we plan various events and activities for CCP/Stein Alumni to stay connected with Camp and each other.

This year we expanded our Alumni Shabbats at camp by adding hosts and offering four different dates to connect to our special gem in the pines.





### STRATEGIC PLAN CORE VALUES

Camp Stein is ready for our future!

We believe that we are the right point in our development to aim high:

To build upon the excellence that we deliver

To inspire Jews to become role models and leaders of the future

To deepen and expand the imprint of Camp, reaching more Jewish families throughout the year

It is always a good idea for organizations to step back periodically and to create space to think BIG.

We believe that working together we will be able to achieve the goals that will secure our future.





#### THANK YOU -TODAH RABAH

Thanks to the support of Camp Stein Alumni, parents, grandparents, community members, and friends.

Our generous donors gave from their hearts. Many of our members of the Camp Stein Community chose to support Camp in memory of a loss, or in honor of a *simcha*. And still others donated to special funds for scholarship. We are grateful for the generosity and dedication of our supporters.

Philanthropic support of Camp Stein enables us to strengthen and grow our camp program to train our staff, to bring new and innovative programming to Camp and to give Jewish children the magic of the Camp Stein experience.

